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FM AMEMBASSY KINSHASA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC NIACT IMMEDIATE 9769

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C O N F I D E N T I A L KINSHASA 4934

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SUBJECT: SHABA INVASION - SITREP 3 (MAY 17, 1978)

REF: KIN 4897

FURTHER DETAIL ON MILITARY SITUATION AS OF 1830 HOURS 16 MAY 78

NOT INCLUDED IN SITREP3, REFTEL: AND SHOULD BE ADDED TO REFTEL:

1. GEN. BABIA ELABORATED THAT 16 MAY PARADROP WAS ORIGINALLY TO BE MADE BY TWO C-130 AIRCRAFT SIMULTANEOUS DROPS. HOWEVER, ONE AIRPLANE DEVELOPED A SLIGHT MALFUNCTION AND COL. YEKA, OPERATIONAL OFFICER IN CHARGE OF MISSION, DECIDED TO CONTINUE THE OPERATIONS WITH ONE PLANE AND HAVE OTHER FOLLOW-ON. ACCORDINGLY, FIRST DROP OCCURRED AT 0630 AND SECOND AT 0900 LOCAL. BOTH ELEMENTS MARRIED UP AT SHABA SECTOR COMMAND POST.

2. GEN. BABIA HAS STRESSED FAZ COMMUNICATION PROBLEMS. DN AT KINSHASA IS IN CONTACT WITH SHABA COMMAND POST (CP) AT KOLWEZI;  
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HOWEVER, SHABA CP HAS NO RADIO CONTACT WITH LUBUMBASHI OR THE RELIEF COLUMN UNDER COL SASSA MOVING FROM LUBUMBASHI. PLANS FOR A RELAY AT TENKE (10355/2606E) ARE UNDERWAY.

3. GEN. BABIA STATED THAT NO COMMUNICATIONS EXIST WITH 14TH BRIGADE CP AT KOLWEZI. LAST CONTACT WAS 15 MAY. CRITICAL QUESTION OF WHETHER 14TH BRIGADE CP IS IN ENEMY HANDS REMAIN UNANSWERED.

4. BABIA'S ASSISTANT ADMITTED THAT EXTENT OF SUPPORT FOR THE INVADERS BY THE LOCAL POPULATION IS UNCLEAR. IN ESSENCE, HE SAID, GECAMINES AND THE COMMERCIAL CENTER OF TOWN ARE THE ONLY AREAS THAT CAN BE CONSIDERED FRIENDLY TO FAZ; FOR THEY CONTAIN THE EXPATRIATES AND GECAMINES' ZAIRIAN CADRE WHOSE ORIGIN IS OTHER THAN THE SHABA AREA. AT PRESENT, THE ALLEGIANCE OF ALL OTHER AREAS OF KOLWEZI IS IN DOUBT.

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